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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

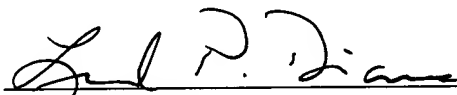
This Statement is being filed in response to the Examiner's request therefor in the Interview Summary mailed on February 13, 2006, in the above-identified application. The Examiner's Interview Summary follows the interview between the Examiner and Applicant's undersigned attorney on February 7, 2006.

The undersigned attorney hereby affirms Examiner Nguyen's comments set forth in the Interview Summary, namely that it was agreed to replace "means" in the Abstract with --unit--. The Examiner's Amendment mailed on February 13, 2006, sets forth the amended Abstract.

In view of the fact that the Examiner's Interview Summary required this paper to be submitted, Applicant considers it improper for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to reduce, on the basis of this paper, the Patent Term Adjustment granted to this application.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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